

For the past five years, Iowa has improved child support collections and significant progress is made in this legislation. Employers reporting new hires, early confirmation of paternity, withholding of child support for the self-employed, and publication of the names of those who owe will increase collections. Additional steps should be approved next year — a centralized lien file so those who owe cannot hide assets and withholding auto registrations from those who don't pay.

This legislation continues our efforts to reform spending and get control over automatic pilot spending. Medicaid spending reforms included in the bill save over \$3.5 million without reducing necessary care.

The child welfare initiatives contained in the bill redefine services for children in our state by placing greater emphasis on preventing placement of children in institutional care and strengthening services to keep families together and to keep children in a family home.

House File 518 is, therefore, approved on this date with the following exceptions which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve the item designated as Section 3, subsection 6, in its entirety. This provision would change the method of determining reimbursements to nursing homes. This proposal should be studied further by the Health Care Reform Council to determine its impact on rural health care.

I am unable to approve the items designated as Section 21, subsections 1 through 3, in their entirety. These provisions include nonappropriation rhetoric concerning human services' field staff caseweight factors. While the bill establishes what are described as "optimum" caseweight levels, the amount of funding provided in the bill falls far short of the funding necessary to support the proposed "optimums". Moreover, the methodology for determining the caseweight factors was developed more than fifteen years ago and is outdated. It reflects none of the increases in productivity that have been made possible through better training and advances in technology. Furthermore, the concept of caseweight factors was established to guide the department in allocating staff across the state, it was not intended to be a mechanism for determining the department's budget.

For the above reasons, I hereby respectfully disapprove these items in accordance with Amendment IV of the Amendments of 1968 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in House File 518 are hereby approved as of this date.

Sincerely,

TERRY E. BRANSTAD, *Governor*

CHAPTER 173

APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

H.F. 625

AN ACT relating to energy conservation including making appropriations of petroleum over-charge funds.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. There is appropriated from those funds designated within the energy conservation trust created in section 473.11, for disbursement pursuant to section 473.11, to the following named agencies for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1993, and ending June 30, 1994, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

1. To the division of community action agencies of the department of human rights for qualifying energy conservation programs for low-income persons, including but not limited to energy weatherization projects, which target the highest energy users, and including administrative costs, to be expended first from the available balances in the Warner/Imperial fund and in the office of hearings and appeals second-stage settlement fund and then from the Exxon fund and Stripper Well fund for a total appropriation not to exceed:

1993-94 FY (Exxon)	\$	1,500,000
1993-94 FY (Stripper Well)	\$	1,500,000

The commission on community action agencies in cooperation with the energy fund disbursement council and state rate-regulated utilities shall submit a report to the general assembly by January 15, 1994, which provides recommendations, following depletion of the funds provided through disbursement of the energy conservation trust, for the identification of public and private funding alternatives for the continued funding of the energy conservation programs for low-income persons. The report shall also include alternatives for interagency co-funding, integrated service delivery, and program effectiveness of energy efficiency measurers as identified by the statewide low-income collaborative evaluation project and the bureau of weatherization strategic planning process.

2. To the department of natural resources for the following purposes:

a. Reimbursement for costs incurred by the department of natural resources for carrying out the general provisions section of the groundwater protection Act pursuant to section 455E.8, from the Stripper Well fund:

1993-94 FY	\$	825,000
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b. For the state energy conservation program, and the energy extension service for purposes of maintaining their 1988-89 fiscal year funding levels, from the Exxon fund:

1993-94 FY	\$	238,200
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c. For development costs of the local government energy bank program, from the Exxon fund:

1993-94 FY	\$	200,000
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d. For administration of petroleum overcharge programs, an amount up to 5 percent per fiscal year, not to exceed the following amounts:

1993-94 FY	\$	300,000
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Sec. 2. 1986 Iowa Acts, chapter 1249, section 4, unnumbered paragraph 1, as amended by 1987 Iowa Acts, chapter 230, section 8; 1988 Iowa Acts, chapter 1281, section 6; 1989 Iowa Acts, chapter 312, section 6; 1990 Iowa Acts, chapter 1265, section 3; 1991 Iowa Acts, chapter 270, section 3; and 1992 Iowa Acts, chapter 1233, section 4, is amended to read as follows:

There is appropriated from the funds available in the energy conservation trust, established in section ~~93.11~~ 473.11, for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1986, and ending June 30, ~~1993~~ 1995, to the department of natural resources for disbursement under section ~~93.11~~ 473.11, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes designated consistent with the expressed legislative intent of this Act:

Approved May 4, 1993

CHAPTER 174

**SINGLE STATE INSURANCE REGISTRATION SYSTEM
FOR MOTOR CARRIERS – APPROPRIATION**

H.F. 328

AN ACT requiring a single state insurance registration system for motor carriers, and making an appropriation and providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the road use tax fund to the state department of transportation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1993, and ending June 30, 1994, in addition to other appropriations made to the department for that fiscal year, the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, for the purpose designated:

For the participation of the department in the single state insurance registration system for motor carriers, as required in section 327B.1, unnumbered paragraph 3, and for salaries, support, maintenance, miscellaneous purposes, and for not more than the following full-time equivalent positions:

.....	\$	250,000
.....	FTEs	2.00

Sec. 2. Section 327B.1, unnumbered paragraph 3, Code 1993, is amended by striking the unnumbered paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

The department shall participate in the single state insurance registration system for motor carriers as provided in 49 U.S.C. § 11506.

Sec. 3. 1993 Iowa Acts, Senate File 363,* section 2, as enacted by the Seventy-fifth General Assembly, takes effect upon the effective date of this section.

Sec. 4. Section 3 of this Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

Approved May 11, 1993

*Chapter 45 herein